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## Crop Summary

There were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 82 percent of normal. The main farm activities were: Land preparation for spring crops and planting corn.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions in Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	11	6	11			71	22	7
Wheat	Jointed	21	31	50			58	42	
Watermelons	Planted	5	3	7					
Livestock							37	60	3

## County Agent Comments

"March winds are drying soil enough to let tractors in the fields. By Monday, rice farmers can start breaking ground. Some 2-4D has been applied to rice fields. No problems have been reported with wheat."

— Don Respass, Quitman County

"Excellent week for farmers beginning spring land preparation."

— Dwayne Wheeler, Tunica County

"Corn planting is about to begin. Farmers are also preparing fields to plant cotton by the end of April and early May if the weather is favorable."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Uninterrupted sunshine and dry weather have allowed many farmers a chance to do some ground preparation for planting corn and cotton."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"Farmers are continuing to recover from the damage caused by the Ice Storm in February. Debris removal and fence repair are being preformed. Most fields are too wet for land preparation. Pastures are being sprayed for yellow top."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"We had some corn planted this week. Cattle producers need good weather since hay supplies are extremely short."

— Walter Alford, Montgomery County

"We continue to wait on the soil to dry up before we can start any field activity."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Fields are drying out and farmers are busy getting land prepared for planting."

— Windell C. Carter, Jefferson County

"Dairy farmers are trying to get corn planted before another rain sets in. It has been 5 days of non-stop corn planting."

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln County

"We need several more days of sunshine to allow our farmers to get the ground ready for corn. Some fields are still wet."

— Victor Lee, Newton County

# Weather Summary, From 03/13/94 to 03/19/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Tunica	79	35	55	52	3.1	.00	-1.26	0	4.16	74	47	58	M
Clarksdale	78	39	58	52	5.5	.00	-1.19	0	3.17	69	44	55	M
Cleveland	81	39	57	54	3.0	.00	-1.46	0	5.10				
Extreme/Average	81	35	57	53	3.9	.00	-1.30	0	4.14	74	44	57	
2. North-Central													
Memphis AP	80	38	58	53	5.2	.00	-1.21	0	4.39				
Holly Springs ES	77	28	52	50	2.4	.03	-1.30	1	5.32	66	42	53	M
Oxford ES	81	35	56	51	4.4	.00	-1.33	0	5.01				
Extreme/Average	81	28	55	51	4.0	.01	-1.28	0	4.91	66	42	53	
3. Northeast													
Corinth	77	28	53	52	1.6	.07	-1.26	1	5.83				
Iuka	76	27	51	51	-9	.00	-1.47	0	6.07				
Booneville	76	31	64	51	2.7	.01	-1.46	1	4.78				
Pontotoc ES	79	29	58	52	6.1	.00	-1.40	0	5.56	67	43	53	M
Tupelo AP	77	32	56	54	2.1	.00	-1.40	0	5.26				
Verona ES	78	30	64	54	-1	.00	-1.40	0	6.12	68	41	54	M
Extreme/Average	79	27	54	52	1.9	.01	-1.40	0	5.60	68	41	54	
4. Lower Delta													
Stoneville ES	M	M	M	54	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Greenwood AP	83	33	59	55	3.1	.00	-1.33	0	5.51				
Belzoni	83	42	61	55	5.4	.00	-1.47	0	5.99	70	46	57	
Rolling Fork	82	36	57	55	2.6	.00	-1.40	0	4.91	72	48	59	M
Yazoo City	83	35	58	57	1.4	.00	-1.47	0	5.66				
Extreme/Average	83	33	59	55	3.1	.00	-1.42	0	5.52	72	46	58	
5. Central													
Winona	80	27	62	52	-1	.00	-1.40	0	6.61				
Carthage	77	31	56	55	.6	.00	-1.40	0	3.22				
Jackson AP	80	33	57	57	-1	.00	-1.33	0	4.13				
Extreme/Average	80	27	55	55	.1	.00	-1.38	0	4.65				
6. East-Central													
State University	80	28	55	54	.7	.00	-1.33	0	4.58	67	42	54	M
Columbus AFB	83	37	60	54	5.6	.00	-1.47	0	5.37				
Brooksville ES	79	33	66	54	1.9	.00	-1.33	0	3.59				
Extreme/Average	83	28	57	54	2.7	.00	-1.38	0	4.51	67	42	54	
7. Southwest													
Vicksburg	81	40	59	58	1.4	.00	-1.40	0	4.93				
Oakley ES	83	32	58	56	1.5	.00	-1.40	0	4.22	74	47	60	
Crystal Springs	83	38	59	56	3.6	.00	-1.45	0	4.69	72	44	57	
Alcorn ES				56		M	M	M	M				
Natchez	78	37	61	60	1.4	.00	-1.47	0	4.47				
Extreme/Average	83	32	59	57	2.0	.00	-1.43	0	4.58	74	44	59	
8. South-Central													
McComb AP	82	35	61	58	3.1	.00	-1.40	0	3.38				
Columbia	84	36	61	58	2.7	.00	-1.41	0	3.92				
Extreme/Average	84	35	61	58	2.9	.00	-1.41	0	3.65				
9. Southeast													
Newton ES	81	31	56	55	.7	.00	-1.45	0	5.60	68	45	54	
Meridian AP	84	34	59	57	2.1	.00	-1.54	0	6.04				
Laurel	81	35	59	57	1.5	.00	-1.38	0	4.44				
Hattiesburg	82	37	60	58	2.1	.00	-1.45	0	5.34				
Beaumont ES	85	31	58	58	.0	.00	-1.47	0	3.99	80	47	61	
Extreme/Average	85	31	58	57	1.3	.00	-1.46	0	5.08	80	45	58	M
10. Coastal													
Poplarville ES	84	37	61	59	2.5	.00	-1.38	0	5.56	83	51	64	M
Bay St. Louis	82	36	61	59	1.7	.00	-1.41	0	5.97				
Gulfport	78	42	61	61	.5	.00	-1.19	0	3.94				
Biloxi	77	44	62	61	1.0	.00	-1.18	0	3.15				
Pascagoula	75	36	57	59	-2.0	.00	-1.27	0	3.20				
Extreme/Average	84	36	60	60	.7	.00	-1.29	0	4.36	83	51	64	M
State Averages			58	55	2.2	.00	-1.38		4.82			57	M
State Extremes					Location					Date			
Greatest one day precipitation					Corinth					03/14/94			
Greatest weekly precipitation					Corinth								
Maximum air temperature					85								
Minimum air temperature					27								
Maximum soil temperature					83								
Minimum soil temperature					41								
Greatest one day pan evaporation					.20								

## Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum  
 Min = Minimum  
 Ave = Average  
 Norm = Normal  
 DFN = Departure From Normal  
 Evap = Evaporation  
 M = Missing

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